

## **Sample Wildfire Mitigation Proposal**

Whereas the 2002 Missionary Ridge Wildfire left 70,085 acres burned and 57 homes and cabins in ruins, and whereas drought conditions continue, and whereas flooding risks remain extreme in burned areas, and whereas home and business development continue to encroach into and expand the risk area, and whereas tourism impacts remain adverse, new policy mitigation options must be considered.

Following a series of meetings of an inter-governmental task force comprised of representatives from federal, state, and local governments, the following proposals are offered for public comment.

1. A schedule of controlled burns and selective forest thinning actions will be planned and implemented during a five year period throughout La Plata County, Colorado.
2. There shall be a moratorium on building permits within specified areas of La Plata County until such time as a comprehensive zoning and wildfire land use mitigation plan has been approved by the Commissioners.